



Date/Time of Minutes	Meeting Title	Meeting Ref
16 th October 2025	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	16/10/2025
Subject:	Committee Meeting	
Location:	Golden Lion	

Attendees:	Laurence Hando (Chair), Ted Hand, Paul Turner, Peter Wilson & Julie Wilson
Apologies:	Francis Taylor & John Crook & Angela Slanders
Minute Taker:	Laurence Hando
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	Actions/Notes	Action By	Target Date
1	<u>Review of Actions</u> The Minutes of 16 th July 2025 were accepted as true and accurate.		
2	<u>Matters Arising from last meeting:</u>		
.1	Re 2.2 We still haven't heard back about the long-awaited Transport Proposals. Re 3.2 The virtual conference call with Catherine Fookes MP, came and went and no new points came out of it. TH/PI prepared 13 questions, which we didn't have the opportunity to ask nor have they subsequently been answered.	FT	15/01
3	<u>Committee Reports:</u>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rail / Political update 		
.1	The Cross-Party Meeting at the Golden Lion on 25 th of July, successfully reinforced the support from Peter Fox MS Conservative, Peredur Owen Griffiths MS Plaid, and John Griffith MS Labour. The three MS's will take away and evaluate how, as cross-party of MS's, they can continue to push the business case for Magor & Undy Station		

.2	<p>General consensus about the Senedd Petitions Committee, and MAGOR's 2023 'quick win' petition was that we are not getting anywhere. It was clearly stated by Mr Ken Skates MS that all 5 stations should be started simultaneously. We have not received a satisfactory answer to our 2 main questions :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why can't the stations be built in phases, with Magor first as no significant infrastructure changes are needed. . -If funds aren't available to complete the 5 stations and relief lines, will the project be abandoned? Again after 3 years of pursuing this avenue, it was felt to walk away from the Petitions idea as a no hoper. We are still awaiting a formal notification that our petition is removed from the list 		
.3	<p>Looking at the way forward, PT and PI has met with the Transport for Wales community engagement officer, James Nicholas. He was shown the site and was interested in the prospect of a quick win. It was felt this is an organisation to keep in touch with.</p> <p>We have been waiting for a meeting with Network Rail, of whom Ken Skates MS advised held the purse strings to the £445 million allocated from Westminster to build the 5 stations. It was felt that this was a Red Herring and we shouldn't hold our collective breaths.</p> <p>It was agreed that TH would attempt to engage with the Green Party as we appear to have covered the other parties in our talks.</p>	TH	15/01
4	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p>		
.1	<p>JW provided the Group's Accounts for LH & TH to annually review.</p>	LH TH	15/01
.2	<p>LH was instructed to investigate and react appropriately to the voting at the June's Full Council on the motion raised by FT instructing the Council to lobby "the relevant decision makers.... to ensure that Magor Station is recognised as a quick win and is delivered immediately and without delay with the CSR funding". I.e. to establish if Cllrs Crook and Sandles voted differently to Cllr Taylor and, if so, why.</p>	LH	15/01
	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Next meeting to be on Thursday 15^h January 2026. At the Golden Lion.</p>		